

Child and Adult Care Food Program Adult Day Care Component Fact Sheet

What is the Adult Care Component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program?

Since 1968, the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) has provided cash reimbursement and donated foods to help provide nutritious meals to children enrolled in nonresidential child care centers or day care homes throughout the country. On November 29, 1987, Public Law 100-175 amended the National School Lunch Act to allow certain adult day care centers to be eligible for cash and commodity assistance under the CACFP.

Who Can Participate Under the Adult Care Component?

Eligible for participation are public or private nonprofit centers which provide nonresidential adult day care to functionally impaired adults. Also, private for-profit adult day care centers may participate as proprietary Title XIX or proprietary Title XX centers if not less than 25 percent of their enrolled eligible adults are Title XIX or Title XX Beneficiaries. Eligible centers provide day care to adult participants for the purpose of avoiding premature institutionalization by allowing families a respite from care giving. Not eligible are sheltered workshops, vocational or substance abuse rehabilitation centers, social centers or other types of centers whose primary purpose or service is other than to provide day care to functionally impaired adults.

Who Benefits?

Functionally impaired adults over 18 years of age and adults 60 years and older who live in private residences (which may be their own or in a group living arrangement if they are primarily responsible for their own care) may participate. Functionally impaired adults are chronically impaired disabled persons who are physically or mentally impaired to the extent that their capacity for independence and their ability to carry out activities of daily living is markedly limited. Institutionalized individuals, or those who reside in nursing homes, Community Based Residential Facilities, and licensed or certified Adult Family Homes (per Wisconsin Administrative Codes 82 and 88 and Wisconsin State Statute 50), are not eligible for CACFP benefits.

Eligibility Requirements

All centers must have Federal, State or local adult day care licensing or approval. A county operated facility is deemed to meet the approval requirements. Centers must maintain an individual plan of care for every participant and provide a structured, comprehensive, community-based program of health, social and related support services.

Private centers (except for-profit Title XIX and XX organizations) must have **Federal** tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 at the time they apply for the CACFP. Local Internal Revenue Service offices can provide information on how to obtain tax-exempt status.

Meal Service

All participating centers must serve meals which meet meal pattern requirements specified in Program regulations. Reimbursable meals include breakfast, lunch, supper, and snacks. Centers may be approved to receive reimbursement for up to two meals and one snack or one meal and two snacks for each eligible adult participant each day. Centers must maintain a nonprofit food service.

Reimbursement

Program payments to adult day care centers are limited to the number of meals served to eligible adults multiplied by the appropriate rate of reimbursement. The rate of reimbursement varies according to the family size and income of eligible adults. Increased reimbursement is provided for Free and Reduced eligible adults. The rates of reimbursement effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 are listed below.

	Breakfast	Lunch/Supper*	Snack (Supplement)
Non-Needy	\$.26	\$.25	\$.06
Reduced	\$1.16	\$2.28	.37
Free	\$1.46	2.68	.74

**Cash-in-Lieu of Commodities - A cash reimbursement of \$.1950 for each lunch or supper served will be paid this fiscal year based on the results of the annual survey to determine the preference for USDA commodities or cash.*

Centers cannot receive benefits of reimbursement from both the CACFP and Title III of the Older Americans Act, as amended, for the same meal served.

Administering Agency

In Wisconsin, the CACFP is administered by the Department of Public Instruction. For additional information call (608) 267-9129 or write to:

Child and Adult Care Food Program
Community Nutrition Programs
Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841
Madison, WI. 53707

The CACFP is available to all eligible individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write immediately to the USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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